

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Introduction

This application includes claims 1-8, 12-29, and 36-50. With this amendment Applicants have amended claims 1, 15, and 17.

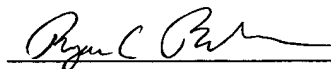
Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended to require, "a bumper coupled to the expansion portion such that movement by the expansion portion between the retracted position and the extended position causes the bumper to move therewith." Similarly, claim 15 has been amended to require, "a bumper movable between a first bumper position and a second bumper position." None of the cited references teach such limitations. Furthermore, all pending claims depend from either claim 1 or claim 15. Accordingly, claims 1-8, 12-29, and 36-50 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

If necessary, please consider this a Petition for Extension of Time to effect a timely response. Please charge any additional fees or credits to the account of Baker & Daniels LLP Deposit Account No. 02-0390.

In the event that there are any questions related to these amendments or to the application in general, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to address those questions directly in a telephone interview to expedite the prosecution of this application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,



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